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SUBJECT: US/EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR POWER AGREEMENT--NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) STATE 169472, (B) STATE 172048, (C) CAIRO 9498

1. MAHER ABAZA, UNDER SECRETARY MINELECTRICITY, ASKED EMBOFF TO MEET WITH HIM, JULY 13, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION RE PROCESS OF PREPARING FINAL AGREEMENT. ABAZA EXPLAINED THAT PRIMIN MAMDUH SALEM, WHEN INFORMED BY SULTAN AND GUEBEILY ABOUT OUR LATEST DEMARCHE, EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT AGREEMENT FINALIZATION NOW BEING ACCELERATED AND, AS RECOUNTED BY ABAZA, THAT USG HAS FINALLY DECIDED TAKE STEPS TOWARD SUPPLYING GOE WITH BADLY NEEDED NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. INDICATIVE OF IMPORTANCE GOE ATTACHES TO THIS, PRIMIN ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN SIGNING CEREMONY AND HOPED THAT PERSON OF EQUIVALENT LEVEL ON USG SIDE WOULD PARTICIPATE. ABAZA MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY AT ONE POINT SECRETARY KISSINGER, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A PERSONAL IDEA. ABAZA INDICATED PRIMIN ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT NEXT STEPS WILL BE.

2. EMBOFF TOLD ABAZA EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF NEXT STEPS, USING OCCASION TO STRESS NEED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL
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PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS AND THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH

AGENCIES ARE DIRECTING EFFORTS TOWARD READYING EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI AGREEMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS BY OR SOON AFTER ITS JULY 19 RESUMPTION. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK ASK DEPT FOR DEFINITIVE READING ON SEQUENCE OF NEXT STEPS IN CONNECTION WITH PRIMIN'S EXPRESSED INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS ON (A) SEQUENCE OF NEXT STEPS, (B) ARE SEPARATE INITIALING AND SIGNING CEREMONIES CONTEMPLATED, AND (C) DESIRABILITY PRIMIN'S PARTICIPATION IN INITIALING AND/OR SIGNING CEREMONIES. HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD INEVITABLY GENERATE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY, WHICH MAY NOT BE DESIRABLE AT THIS STAGE GIVEN UNCERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL REACTION.
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